

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

It is no secret among intelligent Americans that our democracy is being eroded by power elites in every sphere they stick their grimy fingers into. The FCC is only one of many that have been corrupted. Rest assured we will connect ALL the dots, follow the money, and trace ALL the dirty dealing that's been going on. ALL will be found out and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.